[English]

Endangered Species

3583. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted with regard to endangered species of flora and fauna in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether endangered species are also used for experimentation in the College and University laboratories; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Zoological Survey of India has conducted status surveys of a number of endangered and threatened fauna and have brought out three volumes on them. The Botanical Survey of India has also conducted Surveys on flora and have published three volumes on the rare and endangered plants of India.

(c) and (d) No such instance has come to notice. A Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) has been formed under the provisions of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 to examine such issues and to recommend appropnate action.

[Translation]

New Fertilizer Industry in Bihar

3584. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Chemicals and Fertilizer based industries in Giridih, Kodarma and Hazaribag districts in Bihar;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up chemicals and fertilizer based industries during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof, Statewise;

(d) the time by which the survey work in this regard is likely to be completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) There is no proposal at present with the Government from any of the Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) or Cooperative under the administrative control of the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers for setting up plants of chemicals or fertilizers at Giridih, Kodarma and Hazaribag districts in Bihar.

(b) to (e) A statement showing statewise details of the Fertilizers and Chemicals projects which are at present under implementation or proposed for implementation by the PSUs/ Cooperatives under the administrative control of Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers during the Ninth Five Year Plan is enclosed.

Statement

Details of Fertilizer & Chemicals Projects Under Implementation in the Country

Sl. No.	Name of PSU/ Coopera-tive	Location	Estimated capital cost (Rs. in crore)	Production envisaged		Zero date	Approved date of commissioning
				Product	Capacity (Lakh MTPA)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	IFFCO	Kandla (Gujarat)	212.20	NPK DAP	3.70 2.27	22.1.97	22.10.99
2.	IFFCO	Kalol (Gujarat) (Expansion)	119.08	Urea	1.50	01.3.95	01.9.97
3.	IFFCO	Phulpur (U.P.) (Expansion)	993.00*	Urea	7.26	20.4.95	20.1.98

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4.	NFL	Vijaipur	987.30**	Urea	7.26	30.9.93	30.9.96** Now expected to be commissioned by 31.3.97.
5.	MFL	Manali (Madras) (Expansion)	487.47***	Urea NPK	0.76 1.84	01.1.93	30.6.96 Latest Scheduled completion date is 7.5.97.
6.	RCF	Thal (Maharashtra)					
		Phase-I	49.00	Urea	1.65	07.3.94	07.10.96
		Phase-II (Ammonia Plant Retrofit)	93.00	Urea	1.10	01.11.95	01.11.97 Expected to be commissioned by 30.9.97.
7.	FACT	Udyogamandal (Kerala) (Ammonia Placement Plant)	618.00@	Ammonia	2.97	10.5.93	30.6.97 Likely to be commisioned by 31.8.1997.
8.	HOC	Cochin (Kerala)	—	Hydrogen Peroxide	0.05		

* Likely to be revised to 1031.00.

** Likely to be revised to 1034.00

*** Likely to be revised to 518.50.

@ Likely to be revised to 642.36.

Projects Proposals Submitted by PSUs/Cooperative Units Under Consideration of the Government

Sl. No.	Name of PSU/ Cooperative	Location	Estimated capital cost (Rs. in crore)	Production envisaged		Status
				Product	Capacity (Lakh MTPA)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	KRIBHCO	Hazira, Gujarat (3rd ammonia-urea stream at existing site)	1096.00	Urea	7.26	Being submitted for Ist stage clearance of PIB.
2.	KRIBHCO	Gorakhpur, UP (New Ammonia-urea plant at existing site of FCI.)	1289.73	Urea	7.26	Being submitted for Ist stage clearance of CPIB for preparing DFR.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.	IFFCO	Nellore, Andhra Pradesh (Grossroots Project)	1568.70	Urea	7.26	Ist stage of clearance of PIB accorded. Process to seek 2nd stage PIB clearance is on.
4.	RCF	Thal, Mumbai (Ammonia-urea third stream at existing site)	1157.33	Urea	7.26	Being submitted for Ist stage clearance of PIB.
5.	HIL	Alwaye (Kerala)	5.40	Pesticides		
6.	HOC	Rasayani, Maharashtra	386.73	MDI		

[English]

Refugees from Bangladesh

3585. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of refugees from Bangladesh who entered into India during the war of 1971;

(b) the number of refugees out of them who returned to Bangladesh; and

(c) the number of refugees settled in India alongwith the location of their settlement, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) According to information available, around 9.9 million refugees had arrived in India from Bangladesh in 1971. Practically all the refugees returned to Bangladesh by 25th March, 1972.

[Translation]

Smuggling of Idols

3586. SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Murtiyon ke taskar ab rajnaikon ka istemal karte hain" appearing in 'Dainik Jagran' dated February 26, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of External Affairs have sent advisories to Diplomatic Missions that their baggage should not contain any antiques which are more than one hundred years old except under the authority of a licence issued by the competent authority. The Government also lays stress on modernisation and strengthening of infrastructure relating to intelligence and enforcement agencies to enable them to take more efficient steps to prevent smuggling of antiques/ idols etc. out of the country.

[English]

Exemption to Drugs from the Excise duty

3587. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in excise notification No. 4/97 in the recent budget, certain drugs in List-I are exempted from the Excise Duty and C.V.D.;

(b) whether under the same notification in List-II, the intermediates used in manufacture of drugs of List-I are also exempted from duty and C.V.D.;

(c) if so, whether 2-cenopyrazide, an intermediate used for manufacture of pyrazanimide is not mentioned in List-II; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?